



Tropical Storm Mindulle JIC Release - Separate from COVID-19 JIC Releases

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Guam in COR 4; Tropical Storm Mindulle Continues Away from the Marianas

The National Weather Service (NWS) Weather Forecast Office Guam continues to monitor Tropical Storm Mindulle (20W), as it moves quickly away from Guam to the west-northwest.

The Tropical Storm Warning has been canceled for Guam, Rota, Tinian and Saipan by the National Weather Service. Tropical storm conditions are no longer expected to occur.

Governor Lou Leon Guerrero and Joint Region Marianas have placed Guam and the respective military bases in Condition of Readiness (COR) 4 at 9 a.m., returning the island to "All Clear." There were no major damages reported from the storm's passage and upon assessment, all major highways were deemed accessible. The community is reminded to practice caution while traveling in rainy conditions through this afternoon, driving below the speed limit and allowing enough braking distance between vehicles.

"While we continue to respond to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, we must also stay vigilant to the threats Mother Nature poses to our island, most especially typhoons," said Governor Leon Guerrero. "This event served as a reminder to our people that we must stay ready to act and heed to all the warnings and advisories in our region. For now, we are grateful to be spared any damaging impacts from Mindulle and we continue our fight to contain the COVID-19 virus."

"Joint Region Marianas (JRM) and the Military installations on Guam have returned to Condition of Readiness 4 aligned with the Government of Guam," said JRM Chief of Staff Capt. Rick Kratzer. "All base services are back to normal operations with the exception of the beaches which remain closed due to inclement weather."

"The health and safety of our community is a priority, and we urge our service members, personnel and family members to continue to take all necessary safety precautions as heavy weather conditions continue in our area. Additionally, we will continue to monitor all storm-related activity and make the best decisions for our Military community in collaboration with the Governor's office and the Guam Department of Homeland Security," said Kratzer.

Tropical Storm Mindulle made its Closest Point of Approach (CPA) to Guam, passing approximately 20 miles southwest of Guam around 4 p.m. yesterday afternoon. Official observations across Guam indicated peak winds at near-tropical storm force Thursday afternoon and evening, with gusts reaching up to 46 m.p.h. around 8 p.m. Thursday evening at Andersen Air Force Base. Much of Guam received around 4 inches of rain Thursday, with additional rainfall already this morning, and expected to continue through this afternoon. Rain bands extending well to the east of Tropical Storm Mindulle will keep periods of showers, thunderstorms and gusty south winds in place over the Marianas through at least Friday afternoon.

Power Safety

Safety is paramount. To report trouble calls, emergencies, or service interruptions to the Guam Power Authority (GPA), contact the GPA 24/7 dispatcher at (671) 475-1472/3/4.

A **flood watch** remains in effect for Guam, Rota, Tinian, and Saipan through this afternoon. Avoid camping, parking, or hiking along streams, rivers, and creeks during heavy rainfall. These areas can flood quickly and with little warning.

A **high surf advisory** and **high risk of rip currents** remain in effect for Guam, Rota, Tinian, and Saipan until 6 p.m. this evening. Hazardous surf of 8 to 10 feet is expected for north, west, and south facing reefs. Remain out of the water due to dangerous surf conditions. Rip currents can sweep even the best swimmers away from shore into deeper water.

This will be the final statement issued by the Joint Information Center unless additional action is necessary. For the latest advisory information, visit the following links:

- NWS Website: <https://www.weather.gov/gum/>
- NWS Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/NWSGuam/>
- GHS/OCD Website: <https://ghs.guam.gov/>
- GHS/OCD Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/GHSOCD/>
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